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ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK OF JULY 7, 1975 - TTBT/PNE

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1. EXPERT GROUP VI MET ON JULY 7, 8 AND 11. THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC IN THESE MEETINGS HAS BEEN FORMULATON OF ITEMS "A" AND "B". BOTH SIDES HAVE PREPARED ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS BUT AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN REACHED AT THE END OF THE MEETING ON JULY 11. ANOTHER POINT OF DISAGREEMENT CONCERNS ITEM "P". AFTER TENTATIVELY ACCEPTING THE US FORMULATION THE SOVIET SIDE SUGGESTED AT THE JULY 11 MEETING THAT ITEM "P" BE CONSIDERED AS DIRECTLY APPLYING TO OBSERVER FUNCTIONS AND THEREFORE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE GROUP VI CHARTER.

2. ON JULY 11 THE SOVIET SIDE READ A DRAFT OF A FINAL REPORT OF EXPERT GROUP VI. WHEN THE US SIDE PREPARED TO READ ITS VERSION OF A DRAFT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD EXCHANGE DRAFTS TO FACILITATE FURTHER STUDY AND THIS WAS DONE. THE NEXT MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP VI WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JULY 16.

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3. FOLLOWING IS THE STATUS OF EACH OF THE ITEMS OF

INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

"A" - FORMULATONS ARE CONVERGING. US SIDE INCORPORATED SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF SOVIET FORMULATON BUT SOVIETS THEN WANTED REVERT TO ORIGINAL US FORMULATON. US SIDE SAID SOVIET FORMULATION SO GOOD IT SHOULD BE RETAIED. SOVIETS RECONSIDERING.

"B" - SAME AS ABOVE.

"E", "F", "G" - AGREED TO AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN MOSCOW 9267, PARA 8.

"H" AND "I" - DROPPED BY US SIDE.

"J" - DEFERRED UNTIL DISCUSSION OF OBSERVERS.

"K" - SUBSTANCE OF THIS ITEM IS NOW INCORPORATED IN ITEMS "B" AND "L".

"L" - STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

"M" - AGREED TO "BEFORE THE SHOT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORIENTATION, AND APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE FOR ACCESS TO THE CRATER AREA TO COLLECT MELT SAMPLES AFTER EXPLOSIONS."

"N" - US SIDE HAD PREVIOUSLY WITHDARWN THIS ITEM.

"O" - ITEM STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. SOVIET SIDE HAS SUGGESTED "THIS INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO THE VERIFYING SIDE ONLY AFTER THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED ON TECHNIQUE OF MEASURING FISSION YIELD FROM RADIATION FIELD SURVEY."

"P" - SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO DEFER UNTIL DISCUSSION OF OBSERVERS.

"Q" - AGREED TO PROVISION WITH NUMBER IN BRACKETS, AS FOLLOWS: "DIMENSIONS OF THE CANNISTER CONTAINING THE EXPLOSIVE WHEN USING SLIFER OR METHODS SIMILAR TO SLIFER AND WHEN THE CANNISTER LENGTH IS GREATER THAN
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20 METERS (SOVIET - 30 METERS)."

"R - AGREED TO "A DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS, INCLUDING DENSITY, USED TO STEM EMPLACEMENT HOLE WHEN SLIFER OR SIMILAR METHODS ARE USED."

"S- - DEFERRED UNTIL DISCUSSION OF OBSERVERS.
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